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Extension of the scheme of honorary physician to district hospitals.

*1328 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the scheme of honorary physicians has been extended to district hospitals;

(b) if so, what status and designation they enjoy; and

(c) what is the number of honorary physicians allowed and existing at present in the several district hospitals?

A.—The Government have decided to extend the system to district hospitals and the details are being worked out.

Mr. J. A. SALDANHA:—"May I know whether they are called honorary physicians?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"I do not know what difficulty the hon. Member is feeling."

The hon. the PRESIDENT:—"This is not the time to define the expression."

Training of workers in the Devadhar Malabar Reconstruction Trust in the Government Hospital, Calicut.

*1329 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Devadhar Malabar Reconstruction Trust, Calicut, applied to Government to make provision for the training of their workers in the Government Hospital, Calicut;

(b) whether the Government have expressed their inability to comply with the request of the Trust;

(c) whether the Government are aware that the training proposed by the Devadhar Malabar Reconstruction Trust forms part of an important item of adult education work the Trust is carrying on; and

(d) whether all these facts were taken into consideration before the Government arrived at their decision?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The Government are aware that it is the desire of the Trust that the school masters appointed by it for the charge of village schools should be given instruction in elementary medicine and surgery on first aid lines.

(d) Yes.

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"May I know what difficulty there is in training the village school master working under the Trust as proposed by them?

The hon. Mr S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"The hospital is there for the treatment of patients. If every school master is to be trained I have to establish a teaching class."

Mr. A. B. SHETTY:—"Cannot training be given in other hospitals in Malabar?"

The hon. Mr. S. MUTHIAH MUDALIYAR:—"In every hospital training cannot be given to the teacher."